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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON ECEVIT'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON CYPRUS AT
ISTANBUL

1. IN PUBLIC POSITION ON CYPRUS WHICH PRIMIN ECEVIT TOOK IN
HIS ISTANBUL SPEECH SEPTEMBER 2 AND PRESS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 3
(SEE SEPTELS FROM ISTANBUL), WE FIND PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY HIS
STATEMENTS TO PRESS DENOUNCING GREECE'S PRECONDITIONS FOR RETURN
TO GENEVA AND HIS PARALLEL ASSERTION THAT GREECE'S CONTINUED
INTRANSIGENCE COULD ONLY RESULT IN DOUBLE ENOSIS. IN VIEW OF
POSSIBLE DECLARATION OF AUTONOMOUS TURKISH ADMINISTRATION IN CYPRUS,
LATTER CHARGE SUGGESTS EFFORT TO TRANSFER BLAME TO GREECE IF PAR-
TITION OF ISLAND RESULTS FROM DELAY IN RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS.

2. FOR MOST PART, HIS SEPTEMBER 2 SPEECH REITERATED THEMES

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INTRODUCED EARLIER. MOST SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT WAS HIS

DESCRIPTION OF FUTURE TURKISH POLICY ON CYPRUS AS UNDER-
STANDING AND JUST, YET NOT COMPROMISING--A TOUGH-SOUNDING
DESCRIPTION THAT NONETHELESS LEAVES HIM LATITUDE FOR
NEGOTIATION.

3. THIS TOUGH PUBLIC LINE IS, OF COURSE, BOTH A NEGOTIATING
TACTIC AND A DOMESTIC POLITICAL STANCE. IN LATTER AREA, TOUGH-
NESS HAS BEEN SERVING ECEVIT VERY WELL; AND AT THIS STAGE OF
NEGOTIATIONS, CURRENT LINE MAY BE NO WORSE THAN COULD HAVE
BEEN EXPECTED.
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